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WASHINGTON GAS LIGHT COMPANY

CASE NO. PUE000407

**For approval of special rates pursuant to
Virginia Code § 56-235.2**

HEARING EXAMINER'S RULING

November 3, 2000

On November 2, 2000, the Commission's Staff, by counsel, filed a Motion for Continuance of Hearing Date and Other Relief. In support of the Motion, Staff states that pursuant to the Commission's Order on Motion for Certification, Protestant Roanoke Gas Company ("Roanoke") filed its "rebuttal testimony" on November 1, 2000. Staff states that it now needs additional time to prepare adequately for the hearing scheduled for November 8, 2000. Further, counsel states that Staff may find it necessary to propound discovery on Roanoke; however, the time for doing so under Rule 6:4 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure had lapsed by the time Roanoke filed to enter this proceeding. Finally, counsel represents that counsel for Washington Gas Light, Northern Virginia Electric Cooperative, and Roanoke have no objection to a continuance of the hearing.

Good cause having been shown, I find the Motion for Continuance of Hearing Date and Other Relief, filed by Staff should be granted. Accordingly,

IT IS DIRECTED:

- (1) That the hearing scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on November 8, 2000, shall be retained on the Commission's docket for the sole purpose of receiving comments from public witnesses;
- (2) That the evidentiary hearing on this matter is hereby scheduled to commence at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, November 13, 2000, in a Commission courtroom; and
- (3) That Roanoke shall respond to any discovery requests propounded by Staff within 48 hours of service by facsimile or other electronic means.

Alexander F. Skirpan, Jr.
Hearing Examiner